

2022 Annual Report

2022–2024 Capital Campaign in Full Swing

At the start of 2022, Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust launched the 60th Anniversary \$600,000 Capital Campaign to finance the expansion of environmental education facilities over the next 3 years. With start-up funds secured from two generous private donors, a grant from the Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation and a match from the Deupree Family Foundation, the campaign started well. Further donations were received from the Woodward Foundation and the Watertown Foundation, this coupled with generous donations by many private individuals and area businesses, by the end of its first year, \$ 470,000 had been raised.

For those unfamiliar, this campaign seeks to raise \$600,000 to:

- Add a fully-outfitted trail lab and additional outdoor space to the historic Trail House for research and science camp and academy use
- Expand the Sugar House to include indoor ADA restroom facilities and appropriate storage
- Construct an outdoor 20' x 60' pavilion for Farm and Environmental Education programming
- Add solar energy technology to lower our carbon footprint

Before the end of 2022, work had already started on the Trail House with the addition of an outdoor pad poured from eco-friendly concrete and framing over this new surface to create the outdoor portion of the lab. Large windows and French doors were added to bring natural light into the lab. Interior work will include resurfacing the walls, installing a lab-safe floor, adding a sink/wash station, ceiling to floor lockable cabinetry, outfitting the space with an HVAC unit, refrigerator, lighting, portable laboratory desks, workstations, folding outdoor tables with seating.

Site work and construction will start in early 2023 on the much-anticipated ADA-accessible indoor restrooms at the Sugar House.

For more information on how to make a donation, contact our office at 203.263.3711, or contribute through our website. To ensure your donation goes towards the campaign, please indicate “Capital Campaign” in the notes section.

Flanders' Mission

Flanders' mission is to provide opportunities to appreciate nature's wonders and preserve land, inspiring lifelong learning about our natural world.

Flanders' Vision

Flanders Vision is to be a leading resource and destination of choice for environmental and outdoor education, research, land preservation and stewardship, farm experiences, and arts activities, reflecting the needs of our changing and inclusive communities and evolving partnerships.

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Statement of Financial Position: YEAR END DECEMBER 31, 2022

Assets	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total 2022
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	\$219,208	\$168,922	\$388,130
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$219,208	\$168,922	\$388,130
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT			
Lands Held in Trust	\$5,022,389	\$2,487,052	\$7,509,441
Buildings and Improvements	\$1,264,578	—	\$1,264,578
Equipment	\$86,969	—	\$86,969
TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	\$6,373,936	\$2,487,052	\$8,860,988
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	\$(829,698)	—	\$(829,698)
NET PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	\$5,544,238	\$2,487,052	\$8,031,290
OTHER ASSETS			
Investments	\$1,468,094	\$1,763,464	\$3,231,558
Collections acquired since 1/1/02	\$73,433	—	\$73,433
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$1,541,527	\$1,763,464	\$3,304,991
TOTAL ASSETS	\$7,304,973	\$4,419,438	\$11,724,411
Liabilities & Net Assets			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued Expenses	\$56,641	—	\$56,641
Loan Payable	\$125,000	—	\$125,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$181,641	—	\$181,641
LONG TERM LIABILITIES			
Loan Payable	\$75,000	—	\$75,000
TOTAL LONG TERM LIABILITIES	\$75,000	—	\$75,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$256,641	—	\$256,641
NET ASSETS			
Without Donor Restrictions: Undesignated	\$5,580,238	—	\$5,580,238
Without Donor Restrictions: Designated	\$1,468,094	—	\$1,468,094
With Donor Restrictions	—	\$4,419,438	\$4,419,438
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$7,048,332	\$4,419,438	\$11,467,770
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$7,304,973	\$4,419,438	\$11,724,411

Did you know?

There are many tax benefits to making a direct distribution to a charitable organization from your IRA.

If you have an IRA (other than a SEP or Simple IRA) and are at least 70.5 years old, you may make a direct distribution to a charitable organization from the IRA. The distribution will generally not be taxable up to an annual limit of \$100,000 and will count toward any required annual minimum distribution you are required. You do not need to itemize the charitable deductions on your tax return to take advantage of the annual up to \$100,000 exclusion from your taxable income. For more information, contact Venisa Riebe, Director of Finance at 203-263-3711 x 11 or venisa@flandersnaturecenter.org

Statement of Activities: YEAR END DECEMBER 31, 2022

Support And Revenue	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total 2022
SUPPORT			
Grants	\$ 232,422	\$165,929	\$398,351
Membership/Donations	\$167,124	\$48,899	\$216,023
Special Events	\$ 51,462	—	\$51,462
TOTAL SUPPORT	\$451,008	\$214,828	\$665,836
REVENUE			
Programs and Products	\$429,583	—	\$429,583
Rental Income	\$18,270	—	\$18,270
TOTAL REVENUE	\$447,853		\$447,853
OTHER INCOME/(LOSS)			
Investment Return	\$(267,623)	\$(294,295)	\$(561,918)
Other Income	—	—	—
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$(267,623)	\$(294,295)	\$(561,918)
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	\$254,237	\$(254,237)	-
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$885,475	\$(333,704)	\$551,771
Expenses			
Facilities	\$74,484	—	\$74,484
Land Management	\$73,397	—	\$73,397
Education	\$498,911	—	\$498,911
Management & General	\$226,462	—	\$226,462
Fundraising	\$97,664	—	\$97,664
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$970,918		\$970,918
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$(85,443)	\$(333,704)	\$(419,147)
NET ASSETS: YEAR START	\$7,133,775	\$4,753,142	\$11,886,917
NET ASSETS: YEAR END	\$7,048,332	\$4,419,438	\$11,467,770



Generous Donations—make campership a reality at Flanders!

Through the generosity of SMPS Family Fund and Jewish Federation of Western CT, and the support of individuals who have directed donations towards summer camp, campership funding assists families who require financial support to enjoy summer camp. In collaboration with Save Girls on F.Y.E.R, these grants have also helped with transportation costs to and from the City of Waterbury. In 2022, a total of 46 camperships were awarded, each of these potentially life-altering experiences. An alumnus of Flanders camp wrote, "The experiences I had at Flanders Nature Center profoundly influenced me and sent me on a lifetime course of nature, study, stewardship and appreciation." To donate a campership, please contact Jeannette Purdy at 203-263-3711 x 15 or jeannette@flandersnaturecenter.org



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Terrell Road Parcel added to the Whittemore Sanctuary

In October 2022, Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust acquired a 19-acre parcel of land located on Terrell Road in Woodbury. The property connects to Flanders' largest preserve, the Whittemore Sanctuary and expands its size from 715 to 734 acres. The property, purchased by Victor Leidel in 1955 was sold to Flanders through his daughter Linda Leidel. Mr. Leidel, a NJ native, built his home on it, and became passionate about conserving the woods, spending the later years of his life sitting on the property enjoying

the solace of nature. By increasing the habitat of the Whittemore Sanctuary, Flanders aids in the protection of endangered species. This property also serves as a wildlife corridor as identified by two Yale graduate students who conducted research in the area. The addition of the Leidel property enables local wildlife to thrive while expanding the recreational use of the Whittemore, a popular hiking destination. Flanders thanks the generous private donors who have given to the Land Acquisition Fund which enabled this purchase.

J. WARREN UPSON VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2022

Richard Bartkus



A native of Boston, Richard is a retired VP of Operations in the dental industry, and previously worked for a high-end industrial water purification company. Father of 3 daughters, he has a BS in Business Administration and an Associate Degree in Mechanical Engineering. For the past 7 years, Richard has been a dedicated, reliable and hands-on volunteer at Flanders.

As part of the Maple Crew, he pitches in on the entire maple process, especially on the daily collection of maple sap. He can be found helping to prepare for tapping day as well as manning the griddle at our pancake breakfast.

Richard is a land monitor for the Flanders Land Management committee, dedicated to the properties he is assigned to steward. He has been involved with a number of Land Management special projects, including trail work and efforts to maintain our bodies of water.

Flanders welcomes many people annually who complete community service projects on our properties. Richard volunteers regularly to lead these service groups, acting as both an excellent ambassador of Flanders and a hands-on supervisor of the project.

But most of all, Richard, whose birthday is on Halloween is a big part of the Flanders Haunted Hikes. For the past 4 years, he is Herkimeyer, a Flanders hermit who has guided hundreds of guests on our spooky walks. Thank you, Richard!



Environmental Research Symposium

Connecticut scientists doing research on land trust properties in the Flanders and Roxbury regions presented their ongoing environmental work and its implications. Attendees gained a greater understanding of our changing natural environment in Connecticut. Speakers included: Dr. Oswald Schmitz (Yale), Dr. Steve Trumbo (UConn), Dr. Carole Cheah (CAES), Dr. Claire Rutledge (CAES), Andrew Powers (WCSU), Dr. Nancy Marek (BirdHabitatBot), Paul Mailhot-Singer & Julia Rogers (HVA). Presented by Michael McAloon, Chair of Science at Taft School, and Vincent LaFontan, MHA, Executive Director at Flanders.

Would you like to volunteer? Call Ana Jordan at 203.263.3711 x14 or email at ana@flandersnaturecenter.org

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